

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

Considering the matters raised in the Office Action in the same order as raised, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been objected to because of the inclusion therein of the phrase "is provided." This phrase has been deleted as required by the Examiner.

The allowance of claims 1-9 is gratefully acknowledged. A clarifying amendment has been made in claim 1 wherein "at least" has been inserted before temporarily withholding so as to make it clear that there may be instances where the medical treatment is completely withheld, i.e., wherein the wrong radiation dosage or the wrong medication has been prescribed. This is believed to be implicit from the discussion in the specification, at, for example, pages 29 and 30 and the provision therein of a report listing patients who did not receive treatment for any reason.

In addition, new claims 10-18 have been added which correspond to claims 1-9 but further provide for a verifying step involving verifying the characteristic audio signal generated when there is a match between the entered patient identifier and the stored identifier. Claim 10 is obviously patentable for the same reasons as claim 1 and claim 10-18 have been added to provide further protection for the invention. No further search or consideration is necessary and thus, entry of these claims is respectfully solicited.

Allowance of the application in its present form is respectfully requested.